

## BANK OFFICERS CONVICTED.

**THE END OF THE TRIAL FOR CONSPIRACY IN JERSEY CITY.**

**Ex-President Halliard, Ex-Secretary Donelan, and the Four Indicted Directors are Found Guilty—A New Trial to be Asked.**

The trial of John Halliard, the ex-President; James W. Donelan, the ex-Secretary, and

Thomas C. O'Callaghan, Jeremiah Sweeney, Patrick Sheeran, and Adam J. Dittmar, the ex-directors of the Insolvent Mechanics' and Laborers' Savings Bank of Jersey City, in the Hudson County Court of General Sessions, received a severe rebuke from the jury for their defendants. At the conclusion of Judge Garretson's charge, to which a number of exceptions were taken by counsel for the defense, the jury retired and the court took a recess. In about two hours the jury announced that they had agreed upon a verdict. In answer to the question of the court as to the law, they said: "We find the defendants guilty in manner and form as charged in the indictment."

The effect was dramatic. The faces of some of the prisoners turned pale, and others of them, who, in their anxiety, had half risen to their feet, fell back in their chairs. Several heard expressions of gratification. Halliwell alone displayed no trace of emotion, although since a few minutes before the jury had retired, his form became bent.

Mr. Abbott, of counsel for the defendants, said that he intended to move for a new trial whenever the Court was prepared to hear the evidence. He said that he was not hearing, but it will probably be made next week.

The jury were then discharged, with the understanding that they would return to the court for a general discussion of the evidence, they took one ballot, which was unanimous for conviction, and then retired.

were not committed to jail. It is not likely that they will be sentenced this week.

The two men who were arrested are conspicuous men in Jersey City. O'Donnell is one of the well-known physicians in the city, and has been carrying on his practice here since he came to the fortune that recent reverses have liquidated. He is now a full member of the Legislature from the Second or Horsehoe District of Jersey City. Sweeney has served in the same district, and was elected to the Legislature in the freight depot of the New York, Lake Erie and Western Railroad. He is a prominent business man, and was mar was a successful builder at one time, but he got involved to such an extent that he became a bankrupt last year. John J. Dwyer, the ex-Secretary, is the youngest of the defendants. He is the Superintendent of the Catholic churches in Hudson County, and holds several honorary positions.

Mr. Hallahan comes from Brooklyn to Jersey City about twenty years ago. He was then a Protestant, and 34 years old. He first became a Catholic, and later a priest. He is now a Catholic churchman. He was energetic, and was made President of the State Insurance Companies in Hudson County, and held several other positions. In 1890, when the Bank of Laborers' Savings Bank, in November, 1879, the bank suspended, and soon after Mr. Hallahan was indicted for embezzlement, he was indicted, and charged with defrauding by concealing the insolvency, and with conspiracy to defraud the depositors. He was also indicted with conspiracy to defraud certain depositors.

**CONSULAR AFFAIRS IN CHINA.**

**Why Col. Mosby's Correspondence is With-**  
Washington, Dec. 31.—William M. Evans has decided that it is incompatible with the public interests to furnish the House, at the present time, with copies of the correspondence with Consul Mosby at Hong Kong relative to D. H.

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**The British Parliament.**

**MANCHESTER, Dec. 31.**—The London correspondence of the *Times* and *Standard* of the Parliament are in town, and not one of them has yet taken the next session of Parliament, which begins on the 20th of January, 1877. The *Standard* says that the 20th of August. There seems to be ground for the belief that the *Standard* will be the first to appear, and that the *Times* and other recent bates shall have been prepared, at probably some other Easter.

**An Expert's Decision of the Macleer Diamonds.**

**LONDON, Dec. 31.**—Mr. Maskelyne of the mineralogical department of the British Museum, in his *Times* that after a thorough test of the so-called "crystalloids of carbon" obtained by Mr. James Macleer, he has discovered a process of making diamonds. Mr. Macleer, in a letter to the *Standard*, in declaring that they are not diamonds at all, has stated that he was bound to do so.

**Dismissed from Huxley's Naval Service.**

**St. PETERSBURG, Dec. 31.**—Admiral Hainhoff, who became famous during the Crimean war as the commander of the *Vesta*, an old Russian passenger vessel turned into a gunboat, in which he whirled a Russian fleet of gunboats, and was captured by the English in 1857, has been recently married and dismissed from the service, and is now residing abroad in reference to the Ministry of Marine.

**The Meyer-Humbert Duo.**

**PARIS, Dec. 31.**—The duel between M. Meyer, the editor of the *Leitner*, and M. Humley, of the *Ma croche*, which was stopped on the fifth day because of the darkness of the night, was resumed this morning. M. Meyer was wounded in the thigh and M. Humley in the arm.

**The Signal Office Predictions.**

For the middle Atlantic States and New England falling followed by frosts; hurricanes near north coast; warmer south west coast; gale of partly cloudy weather.

**JOTTINGS IN AND NEAR THE CITY.**

The Brooklyn Police Commissioners yesterday directed the removal of East 42d street, and started him on his way.

Mayor Cooper yesterday recommended, Alva Campbell for the office of Commissioner of Public Works. The Aldermen will vote on the subject to-morrow.

Mulholland and Bauer have signed orders for a summons to appear in court, for a hearing on the 10th inst., to pay one-half the cost of the suit, and the other half to pay within fifteen days.

Two colored letters addressed to Campbell of Wall-street, broker shop, brokers have been retained by the police, and the letters are being examined. The names of the brokers named in the order have referred to the police.

The Brooklyn Police Commissioners yesterday, in view of the reduced appropriations, cut down the expense of the police department, by ordering the salaries of inspectors from \$250 to \$300 each, making an aggregate saving of \$10,000.

Mathew Keany, one of the parties to the bill passed by the Legislature, has been arrested by the police.

Regular passengers on the New Haven road desire us to contradict a statement in the Boston Herald that, yesterday, sentenced by Judge Moore to six months imprisonment in the Kings County penitentiary.